

REMARKS

In the July 5, 2005, Office Action (hereinafter "Office Action"), Claims 1, 3-21, 23-32 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,721,941, to Morshed et al. (hereinafter "Morshed"). Claim 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morshed as applied to Claim 32 in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0019971 A1, to Zygmunt et al. (hereinafter "Zygmunt"). Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morshed in view of Zygmunt as applied in Claim 33, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,871,346 B1, to Kumbalimutt et al. (hereinafter "Kumbalimutt").

Claims 2 and 22 were objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but found to be allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this response, Claims 2-21 and 23-35 remain pending. Claims 1 and 22 are canceled.

Claim 2

In accordance with the Office Action's statement regarding Claim 2, applicants have rewritten Claim 2 as an independent claim that includes all limitations of its previous base claim (there were no intervening claims). Accordingly, consistent with the Office Action's statement that it would be allowable if written in this form, applicants submit that Claim 2 is now in condition for allowance, and requests its allowance.

Claims 3-9

Applicants note that Claims 3-9 are dependent claims, depending from now-independent Claim 2. Accordingly, applicants submit that Claims 3-9 are also now in condition for allowance, and request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections of these claims be withdrawn, and the claims allowed.

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Independent Claims 10, 25, and 32

The Office Action stated that the prior art fails to disclose the following elements (which were previously included in Claim 2):

"in response to determining that said schema has previously been registered with said instrumentation data source, determining whether said previously registered schema is correct;" and

"in response to determining that said previously registered schema is incorrect, overwriting said previously registered schema with said schema describing said instrumentation data."

Claims 10, 25, and 32 have been amended to include the above identified elements. Accordingly, applicants submits that these claims, Claims 10, 25, and 32 are now in condition for allowance, and requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of this claim be withdrawn, and the claim allowed.

Claims 11-18, 26-31, and 33-35

Claims 11-18 depend from independent Claim 10, Claims 26-31 depend from Claim 25, and Claims 33-35 depend from Claim 32. As applicants submit that the independent claims (Claims 10, 25, and 32) are in condition for allowance, applicants further submit that dependent Claims 11-18, 26-31, and 33-35 are also in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections of Claims 11-18, 26-31, and 33-35 be withdrawn, and the claims allowed.

Claim 19

The Office Action stated that the prior art fails to disclose the following elements (which were previously included in Claim 22):

"determining whether said request comprises a request to execute a method on an instance of said instrumentation data;

"in response to determining that said request comprises a request to execute a method, identifying said instance of said instrumentation data and executing said method on said instance; and

"providing a confirmation from said decoupled provider to said instrumentation data source that said method was executed."

Claim 19 has been amended to include the above identified elements. There were no intervening claims between Claims 19 and 22. Accordingly, applicants submit that Claim 19 is now in condition for allowance, and requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of this claim be withdrawn, and the claim allowed.

Claims 20-21 and 23-24

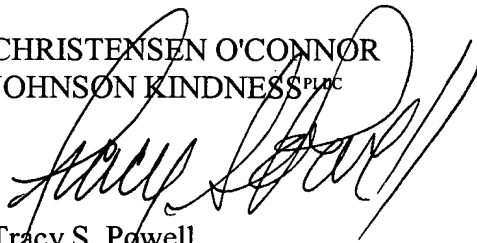
Claims 20-21 and 23-24 depend from independent Claim 19. Accordingly, applicants submit that for the same reasons as Claim 19 is allowable, these claims are also now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections of Claims 20-21 and 23-24 be withdrawn, and the claims allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims at an early date are solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning the foregoing response, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the number below.

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